

**CHAPTER NO. 655**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2973**

**By Representatives Cooper, Marrero, Lois DeBerry, Larry Turner, Henri Brooks, Miller**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3038**

**By Senator Harper**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to reading instruction training for teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) On or before July 1, 2007, the department of education shall encourage institutions with authorized teacher training programs to evaluate all such programs to assure that persons seeking licensure in the state of Tennessee will have had appropriate instruction in the teaching of reading.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 24, 2006**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR